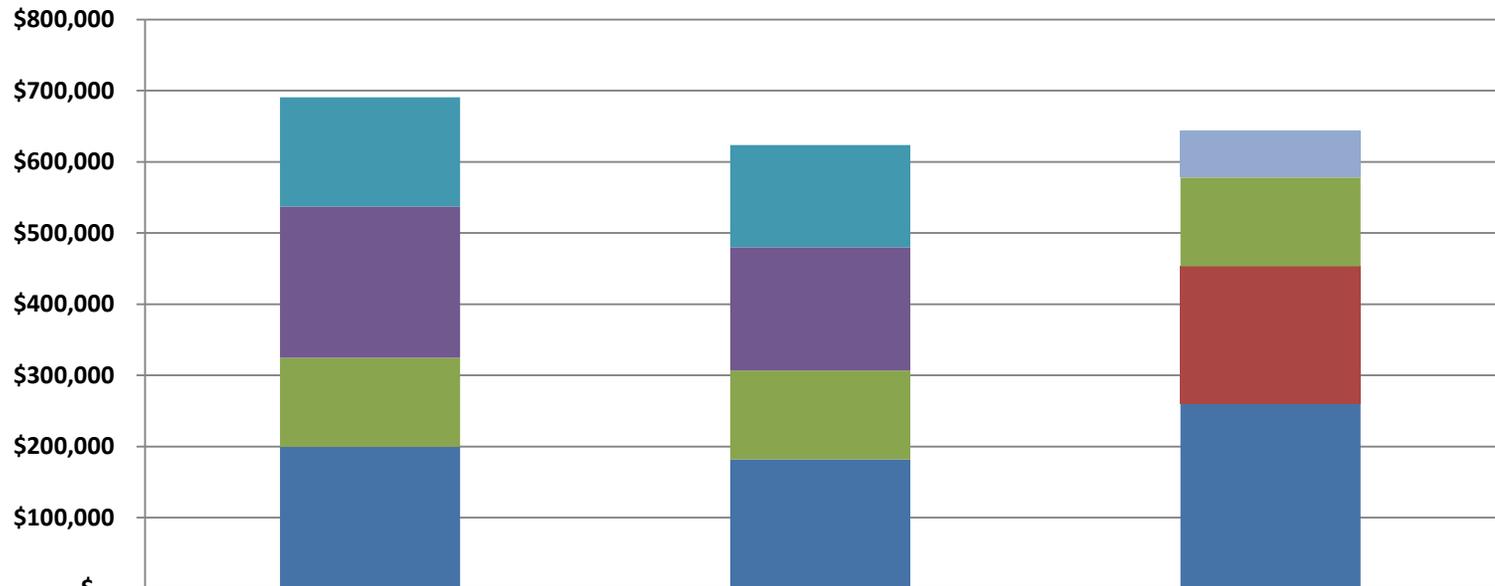


Figure 1: Montana formula funding awarded (including supplemental) 2012-2013 and total funding requested for 2014



	2012	2013	2014 (Requested)
■ Montana No Kid Hungry AmeriCorps	\$-	\$-	\$65,000
■ Montana State Parks AmeriCorps	\$153,255	\$143,500	\$-
■ Justice for Montanans	\$212,794	\$172,895	\$-
■ FoodCorps	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000
■ Energy Corps	\$-	\$-	\$193,000
■ Big Sky Watershed Corps	\$199,500	\$181,957	\$260,000

Notes:

*Big Sky Watershed Corps and Montana State Parks AmeriCorps are applying for their third year of a three year grant (continuation).

*Justice for Montanans Project and FoodCorps MT are applying for their second year of a three year grant (continuation).

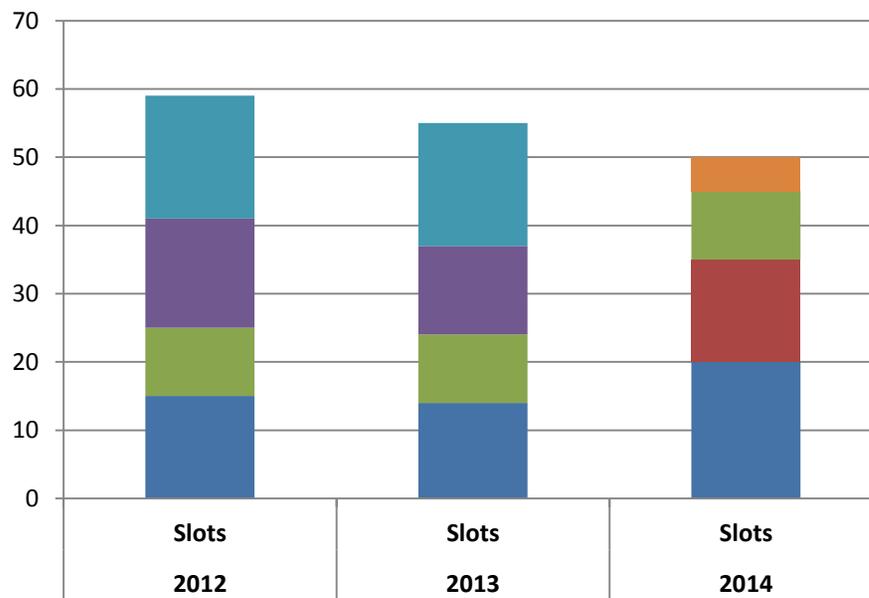
*Justice for Montanans Project currently has an outstanding application for competitive funds.

Requests for Members



← **Figure 2:** Members and MSY (Member Service Years) funded through formula grants. 2014 requested.

→ **Figure 3:** Members by program by year in the commission's formula grant portfolio. 2014 requested



■ Montana No Kid Hungry AmeriCorps
■ Montana State Parks AmeriCorps
■ Justice for Montanans
■ FoodCorps
■ Energy Corps
■ Big Sky Watershed Corps

Application Descriptions

Continuation

FoodCorps Montana

FoodCorps is a national service organization that seeks to reverse childhood obesity and food insecurity by increasing vulnerable children's knowledge of, engagement with, and access to healthy food. Ten AmeriCorps members will invest one year each to serve with a network of state and local partners in Montana. Members will deliver food and nutrition education, cultivate school gardens, and source and promote local food for K-12 students in communities of need. This model has already been shown to measurably improve student attitudes toward fruits and vegetables, setting them on an enduring path toward maintaining a healthy diet and lifestyle.

New/Recompete

Big Sky Watershed Corps

The Big Sky Watershed Corps will have 20 AmeriCorps members who will assist Montana's communities to make a measurable contribution in environmental stewardship of local watersheds. Members will be placed with Conservation Districts and watershed organizations throughout the state. At the end of the first program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for improving the condition of Montana's waters and increasing community members' knowledge about watersheds and environmentally conscious practices. In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage 1,400 volunteers that will be engaged in local watershed improvement efforts focusing on sustainability and environmentally conscious practices.

This program will focus on the CNCS focus area of Environmental Stewardship. The CNCS investment of \$260,000 will be matched with \$95,000 in public funding and \$322,696 in private funding and in kind contributions.

Montana Energy Corps

The National Center for Appropriate Technology will have 15 AmeriCorps members who will provide weatherization services to low-income Montanans and design and conduct educational activities in energy efficiency, renewable energy, and sustainable practices in Missoula, Butte, Helena, Havre, Bozeman, and Hamilton, Montana. At the end of the 1st program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for providing 500 people with hands on weatherization services to reduce home energy use and educating 1725 people who will increase their knowledge and skills in energy efficiency, renewable energy and other sustainable practices. In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage an additional 50 volunteers that will be engaged in community based energy education services.

This program will focus on the CNCS focus area of Environmental Stewardship. The CNCS investment of \$ 193,264 will be matched with \$168,434, \$(67,374 in public funding and \$101,061 in private funding).

Childhood Hunger Initiative

In addition to the Formula grant competition OCS posted a second RFP for an AmeriCorps program focused on childhood hunger. This competition made up to \$66,500 available for the placement of up to five AmeriCorps member.

Montana No Kid Hungry

Montana No Kid Hungry (NKH) will have five AmeriCorps members who will serve in five different communities across Montana. The purpose of the program will be to end childhood hunger by ensuring all children get the healthy food they need, every day. During the first program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for leveraging No Kid Hungry efforts to increase participation in school breakfast through implementation of alternative models, such as Breakfast in the Classroom and Grab and Go. Research shows that these breakfast models increase participation up to 75 percent. The members will ensure the new breakfast models are successful and sustainable. If the school is interested in implementing or enhancing other federal nutrition programs (i.e. Afterschool Meal Programs or Summer Meal Programs), members will assist. In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage an additional 100 volunteers that will be engaged in local anti-hunger, community-based efforts.

This program will focus on the CNCS area of Healthy Futures. The CNCS will make an investment of \$65,000, while public, private, and in-kind donations will contribute \$95,037.

Funding Recommendation

Continuation

Rank	Program	Funds to Award	MSY	Cost Per MSY	Score
1	FoodCorps Montana	\$125,000	10.00	\$12,500	86

Table 1 Grant Review Workgroup 2014 formula funding continuation, funding proposal.

New/Recompete

Rank	Program	Funds to Award	MSY	Cost Per MSY	Score
2	Big Sky Watershed Corps	\$234,000	18.00	\$13,000	98
2	Montana Energy Corps	\$167,267	13.00	\$13,299	98

Table 2 Grant Review Workgroup 2014 formula funding new/recompete, funding proposal.

Childhood Hunger

Rank	Program	Funds to Award	MSY	Cost Per MSY	Score
NA*	No Kid Hungry AmeriCorps	\$65,000	5	\$13,000	NA

Table 3 Recommendation Childhood Hunger AmeriCorps funding

*Because there was only one applicant for this grant only a compliance review was conducted. As a result of this review the Montana No Kid Hungry AmeriCorps proposal is recommended for funding.

Remaining Funds

This proposal leaves an some funds unspent. These funds will be allocated at the discretion of OCS staff with the following guidelines:

- 1) Each of the three funded programs will add funds to their budget covering the cost of travel and lodging at the serve Montana Symposium.
- 2) Any remaining funds will be split between Big Sky Watershed Corps and Energy Corps.